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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS BY
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

REF: STATE 225772 (NOTAL)

1. DCM DISCUSSED RECENT NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE WITH MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PERMANENT SECRETARY SEIGNORET SEPTEMBER 15, BUT SEIGNORET NOTED THAT MINISTRY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A REPORT FROM UN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE ABDULAH, WHO HAD BEEN IN CHARGE OF POLITICAL ISSUES FOR THE GOTT AT THE CONFERENCE AND HAD SAT IN POLITICAL COMMITTEE. SEIGNORET WAS SIMPLY NOT AWARE OF WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED WITH REGARD TO ANY RESERVATIONS BY THE TRINIDADIAN DELEGATION ON THE KOREAN AND PUERTO RICAN ISSUES. HE NOTED THAT NOTHING REGARDING RESERVATIONS HAD BEEN RAISED IN THE SKETCHY TELEGRAPHIC DIALOGUE WITH THE DELEGATION WHILE THE CONFERENCE WAS IN SESSION AND FROM HIS OWN KNOWLEDGE OF NAM DYNAMICS AND PROCEDURE HE ASSUMED ANY RESERVATION HAD BEEN ORAL RATHER THAN WRITTEN.

2. SEPARATELY, EMBOFF MET WITH LOW-RANKING MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO WAS ONLY PORT OF SPAIN BASED MEMBER OF
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T&T DELEGATION. THAT OFFICIAL DID REMEMBER SOME

RESERVATION HAD BEEN MADE ON THE KOREA ISSUE, BUT WAS UNSURE WHETHER IT WAS ORAL OR WRITTEN. HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY RESERVATION ON PUERTO RICO. SEIGNORET HAD INDICATED TO DCM, HOWEVER, THAT THIS OFFICIAL WAS NOT LIKELY TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED IN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

3. WE CONSIDER EVIDENCE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO RESERVATIONS STILL INCONCLUSIVE, BUT SUGGEST THAT CLEARER PICTURE CAN BE OBTAINED BY USUN FROM TRINIDAD'S PERMANENT REP, FRANK ABDULAH, WHO WOULD HAVE HANDLED THESE ISSUES. MEANWHILE, IT WOULD NOT APPEAR THAT THE GOTT POSITION IN COLOMBO ON KOREA AND PUERTO RICO WAS CLEAR AND FORTHRIGHT ENOUGH TO WARRANT ANY SPECIAL COMMENDATION BY EMBASSY HERE. DCM'S MEETING WITH SEIGNORET LED TO LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICO IN WHICH THE GREAT SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE USG VIEWS CUBAN MACHINATIONS REGARDING THE STATUS OF PUERTO RICO AND THE ACUTE REACTION WHICH WOULD OCCUR IN THE UNITED STATES SHOULD OUR FRIENDS OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ACT IN A WAY SO AS TO ABET SUCH MANIPULATIONS WAS ONCE AGAIN FIRMLY STRESSED.
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